

In the Specification:

Referring now to the figures of the drawings in detail and first, particularly, to Fig. 1 thereof, there is seen an apparatus 10 according to the invention which includes a base plate 11, a frame 12, a ram 13 and a ram head 14. A holder 15 which is also provided has an interior space 20 into which a cask 16 is inserted. The ram head 14 is guided so as to be displaceable in the direction of an arrow 18 relative to the frame 12. The ram 13 serves to move the ram head 14 and therefore the ram 13 contains suitable non-illustrated devices. When the cask 16 is being compressed, bulky objects contained in the cask 16 can apply forces to the ram head 14 in the peripheral direction. This is essentially due to the fact that the compressive force on the object to be compressed (e.g. a cask which can contain such objects) is initiated in a non-concentric manner by the bulky parts.

In the Claims:

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Claim 1 (amended). An apparatus for compressing objects, comprising:

a base plate;

a frame disposed on said base plate;